

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Enclosed herewith is a new Figure 11, which Applicants propose to add to the application.

Attachment: Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 14-40 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 14-19 are amended, and claim 13 is canceled. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office Action indicates that claim 19 contains allowable subject matter. The indication of allowable subject matter is acknowledged with appreciation. As explained in more detail below, claim 19 is being amended so that it is an independent claim. With this change to claim 19, it is believed that all of claims 19-35 are allowable.

II. FORMAL MATTERS

The Office Action objects to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) because none of the drawing figures illustrate the methods recited in claims 36-40.

By this Amendment, Applicants propose to add new Figure 11 to application. Figure 11 illustrates steps of methods as recited in claims 36-40. Because all of the method steps illustrated in new Figure 11 were fully-described in the originally-filed application, it is respectfully submitted that new Figure 11 does not add any new matter to the application. Accordingly, entry of new Figure 11 is respectfully requested.

Once Figure 11 has been added to the application, it is believed that the drawings are proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a). Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is also respectfully requested.

The Office Action also rejects claims 19-35 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite. By this Amendment, claim 19 has been amended so that it no longer depends from claim 13. Instead, the features of a remote controller that were previously recited in claim 13 are now specifically recited in claim 19. In view of

these changes, it is believed that claim 19 is proper under Section 112. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In addition, claims 14-18, which previously depended from claim 13, have been amended to depend from claim 19. These changes to claims 14-18 merely conform these claims to the amended version of claim 19. Accordingly, entry of the claim changes is respectfully requested.

III. PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

The Office Action rejects claims 13-18 under 35 USC §102(e) over US Patent No. 6,457,681 to Wolf et al. (hereinafter "Wolf"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As noted above, claim 13 has been canceled. Claims 14-18 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 19. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claims 14-18 is respectfully requested.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: New Figure 11

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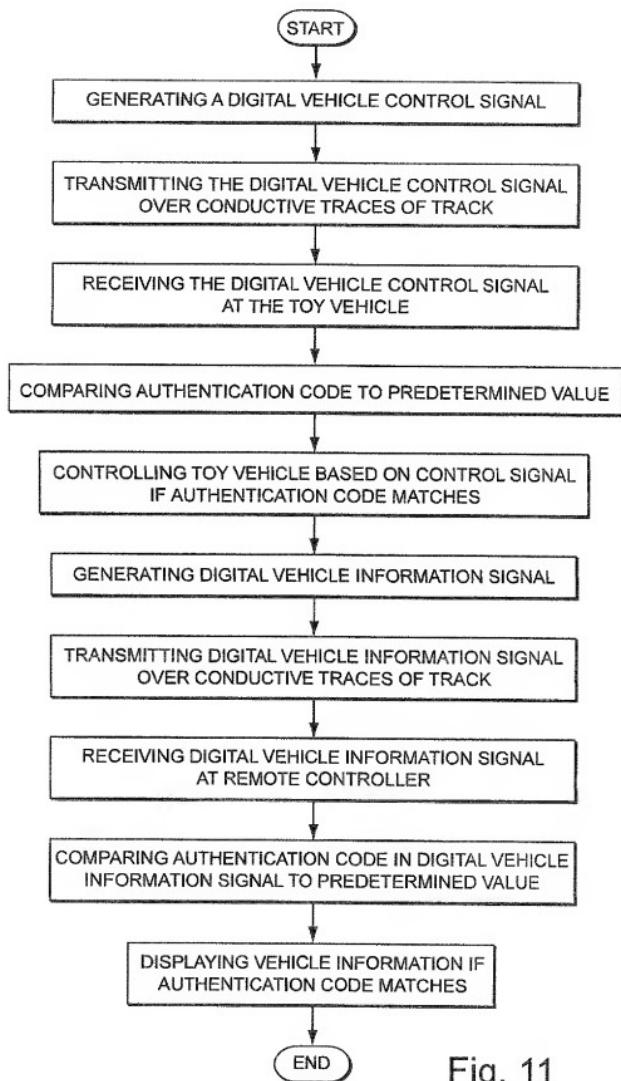


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